

## Message Text

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ACTION SY-05

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 ISO-00 /016 W  
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R 201449Z APR 77  
FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3573

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DEPT FOR A/SY, AF/EX

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ASEC  
SUBJ: RSO RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONSULATE GENERAL AT DJIBOUTI

REF: (A) STATE 087400; (B) ADDIS 12239; (C) STATE 032811

1. WE DO NOT WISH TO SEEM UNCOOPERATIVE, BUT WOULD BE REMISS IN OUR DUTIES IF WE DID NOT STRESS OUR BELIEF THAT RSO HAS HIS HANDS FULL ALREADY WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADDIS, ASMARA AND KHARTOUM. TO ADD DJIBOUTI NOW, WITH ALL THAT IS REQUIRED IN OPENING A NEW POST, WOULD IN OUR OPINION FORCE UPON HIM AND UPON US SUBSTANDARD SECURITY COVERAGE. IN RECENT WEEKS AND MONTHS WE HAVE DESCRIBED OUR PROBLEMS WITH BOMB THREATS, POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS, UNFAVORABLE MEDIA COVERAGE, AND RESULTING CONSTANT ANXIETY OVER WHAT COMES NEXT. ASMARA IS UNPREDICTABLE AS EVER, WITH PERIODS OF CALM AND PERIODS OF TROUBLE. KHARTOUM, ALTHOUGH PERHAPS QUIETER POLITICALLY, HAS ITS NEEDS AS WELL. RSO IS BEHIND NOW, THROUGH NO FAULT OF HIS OWN, ON ROUTINE INVESTIGATIONS, FILING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS, IN SHORT, IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW HIS PRESENT WORKLOAD, PLUS VERY REAL POTENTIAL FOR MORE, CAN POSSIBLY ACCOMMODATE ADDITION OF ANOTHER POST.

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2. IS THERE ANY OTHER WAY DJIBOUTI'S SECURITY COVERAGE CAN BE MET ?  
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## Message Attributes

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